5th March 1959]

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : In view of the spill-waters flowing waste in the Adyar river, will the Government have the matter investigated further and will they take up a scheme for the utilization of the water?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The matter was investigated in the year 1948 when they thought of putting up a bund across the river near Tiruneermalai to feed the Velacheri tank. The cost was found to be prohibitive and, therefore, it was dropped.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : What is the probable cost of the scheme and how many acres was the scheme expected to benefit?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It was expected to benefit about 900 acres but the cost was found to be prohibitive.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : திருவான்மியூர் ஏரியின் முக்கால் பாகம் விவசாயம் செய்யும் நிலங்களாக இருப்பது அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரியுமா? எஞ்சியிருக்கும் ஏரியில் மழைக் காலங்களிலே தேங்கியிருக்கும் தண்ணீரை பக்கிங்காம் கால்வாயில் வெட்டி விட்டுவிடுகிறார்கள். இதைத் தடுப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமா?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : இதைப்பற்றி என்னிடம் தகவல் இல்லை.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Government consider the question of taking up a simplified scheme in view of the exorbitant cost of the scheme referred to by the Hon. Minister and see if anything could be done now about it?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The matter has been fully considered and Government do not propose to investigate the matter further. They have given it up as an uneconomic proposition.

National Water-supply Scheme

* 101 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any recommendations were made by the State Government in regard to the National Water-supply Scheme at the Conference of Local Boards Central Council held in October 1958; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Bus accident

*102 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that an accident occurred to a bus on the 10th May 1958 due to bad ruts on the Bodi-Thevaram Road; and